


REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-59. By this paper, Applicants amend claims 23 and 33 for clarification of certain features to expedite allowance of the present application. These amendments do not add any new matter. Applicants cancel claims 1-22, 41-53, and 56-59 without prejudice for possible inclusion in one or more continuing applications and add claims 60-79. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 23-40, 54, 55, and 60-79 will remain pending in the present patent application and are believed to be in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for her participation in a telephonic interview with the undersigned representative on February 17, ²⁰⁰⁵~~2004~~. In this interview, the prior art of  record, the claims of the present patent application, and the manner of classifying the pending claims were generally discussed. Particularly, during the interview, Applicants' representative and the Examiner agreed on reinstatement of the restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed July 20, 2004. Applicants elect to prosecute those claims falling under class 211, namely claims 23-40, 54, and 55, corresponding to Group II as delineated by the Examiner in the previous communication. As indicated above, Applicants have canceled those claims relating to the non-elected groups.

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